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## NOTICE.

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ON WEDNESDAY, the 20th March,  
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and CARGO, will leave this Port for the  
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Cargo and Species will be registered for  
London as well as for Marseilles, and ac-  
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principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted till  
Noon.  
Cargo will be received on board until 4  
p.m., Species and Parcels until 3 p.m. on  
the 10th March, 1889. (Parcels are not  
to be sent on board; they must be left at  
the Agency's Office.)  
Contents and value of Packages are re-  
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G. DE CHAMPEAUX,  
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Hongkong, March 7, 1889. 439

Occidental & Oriental Steam-  
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TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS  
TO JAPAN, THE UNITED  
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THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS,  
AND  
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THE Steamship *OCEANIC* will be  
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Yokohama, on SATURDAY, the 3rd  
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with Steamers from Shanghai and Japan  
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All Parcel Packages should be marked to  
address in full, and same will be received  
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turning at a later date, may be allowed a  
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and Japan to Europe.

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in the United States, should be sent to the  
Company's Office, addressed to the Col-  
lector of Customs, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight  
or Passage, apply to the Agency of the  
Company, No. 56A, Queen's Road Central,  
U. D. HARMAN,  
Agent.

Hongkong, March 4, 1889. 417

CANADIAN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP  
COMPANY.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS  
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In the following Statements and Tables  
the lists are given in cents, and are for  
letters per half ounce, for Books and  
others, per two ounces.

Newspapers over four ounces in weight  
are charged as double, triple, &c., as the  
case may be, but such papers or packets of  
papers may be sent at Book Rate. Two  
Newspapers must not be folded together as  
one, nor must anything whatever be inserted  
except bona fide Supplements. Printed  
matter may, however, be enclosed, if the  
whole be paid at Book Rate. Prices. Cur-  
rent may be paid either as Newspapers or  
Books.

Commercial Papers signify such papers  
as, though written by hand, do not bear  
the character of an actual or personal cor-  
respondence, such as invoices, drafts, copied  
notes, &c. The charge on them is the same  
as for books, but, whatever the weight of  
a packet containing any partially written  
paper, it will not be charged less than 5  
cents.

The sender of a Registered Article for  
a Union Country may accompany it with a  
Return Receipt on paying an extra fee of  
5 cents.

The limit of weight for Books and Com-  
mercial Papers for Foreign Post Offices is  
4 lbs. Patterns for such offices are limited  
to 8 ounces, and must not exceed those  
dimensions: 8 inches by 4 inches by 2  
inches.

Countries of the Postal Union.  
The Union may be taken to comprise all  
civilized countries except the Australasian  
and Cape Colonies.

Postage to Union Countries.  
General Rates, by any route:—  
Letters, 10 cents per ½ oz.  
Post Cards, 5 cents each.  
Registration, 10 cents.  
Newspapers, 2 cents each.  
Two Books, Patterns and 2 cents per oz.  
There is no charge on redirected corre-  
spondence within the Postal Union.

Postage to Non-Union Countries.  
Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania, and  
Fiji, via Torres Straits, Letters, 10; Re-  
gistration, 10; Newspapers, 2; Books and  
Patterns, 2; Via Ceylon, Letters, 10 cents;  
Registration, 10; Newspapers, 2 cents each;  
Books and Patterns, 2 cents per oz.  
S. African Colonies—Letters, 30; Re-  
gistration, 10; Newspapers, 5; Books and  
Patterns, 5 per 2 oz.

LOCAL POSTAGE.  
General Local Rates for Hongkong,  
Macao, China, Japan, Siam direct (d),  
Canton, Amoy, Swatow, and the Philip-  
pines:—  
Letters per ½ oz., 5 cents (2).  
Post Cards, each, 1 cent.  
Books and Patterns, per 2 oz., 2 cents.  
Newspapers and Prices Current, each, 2  
cents.  
Registration, 5 cents.

(d) Via Singapore, 10 cents.  
(e) Between Hongkong, Canton, and Macao  
5 cents.

Local Delivery.  
1. All correspondence posted before 5  
p.m. on any week day for addresses in  
Victoria will be delivered the same day,  
and parcels within two hours, unless the  
delivery should be retarded by the Contract  
Mails.

2. Invitations, &c. can generally be  
delivered within Victoria at the private  
houses of the addressees rather than at  
places of business, if a wish to that effect  
be expressed by the sender, otherwise all  
correspondence is invariably delivered at  
the nearest place of business.

3. Boxholders who desire to send Cir-  
culars, Dividend Warrants, Invitations, Cards,  
&c., all of the same weight, to addressees in

Hongkong, or the Ports of China, may  
deliver them to the Post Office unstamped,  
the postage being then charged to the  
sender's account. Each batch must con-  
sist of at least ten.

4. Boxholders may also send Patterns  
to the same places in the same way. En-  
velopes containing Patterns may be wholly  
closed, if the nature of the contents be first  
exhibited or stated to the Postmaster  
General, as he may consider necessary, and  
approved by him. Printed Circulars may  
be inserted in such Pattern Packets.

The Post Office declines all responsibility  
for Unregistered Letters containing Bank  
Notes, Coins, or Jewellery, and where Re-  
gistration has been neglected, WILL MAKE  
NO ENQUIRY into alleged losses of such  
letters.

Parcel Post to the United Kingdom.  
Parcels not exceeding 11 lbs. in weight  
are received in Hongkong and at British  
Post Offices in China, for transmission to  
the United Kingdom by P. & O. Packet  
and by the India Mail. No parcel is sent with  
the Overland Mail via Brindisi. Parcels there-  
fore arrive in London about eight days later  
than the Mail. Parcels may be sealed, but  
any parcel, even though sealed, is liable to  
be opened for examination.

Parcels sent by post in Hongkong before  
3 p.m. on the day before the departure  
of the Mail. Those arriving from the  
Coast, &c., after this hour are kept for the  
following P. & O. Mail.

The Postage is 25 cents per lb., and 20  
cents each succeeding lb. or fraction of a lb.,  
which includes Registration fee, and must  
be prepaid in stamps. No further charge is  
made in the United Kingdom except for  
Customs dues. No parcel must be more  
than 3 feet 6 inches in length, or 6 feet in  
greatest length and girth combined. A re-  
ceipt is given for each Parcel.

The sender must fill up a form of Customs  
Declaration, which can be obtained free at  
each Post Office. No parcel can be accept-  
ed if this is not completely and accurately  
filled. The only articles ordinarily sent  
from China which are liable to duty are  
Tea, Tobacco, and Gold and Silver plate.

Dangerous or perishable goods, articles  
likely to injure the Mails, Liquids (unless  
securely packed) or parcels easily crushed,  
such as hand-bags, are prohibited. No Parcel  
can be received if its value exceeds \$200.

A Parcel may contain a letter to the same  
address as that of the Parcel, itself, or an-  
other Parcel to the same address. No  
other correspondence is allowed.

With regard to inward Parcels, addressees  
are requested to observe that the Parcel  
Mail is not opened until the ordinary dis-  
tribution of letters, &c., is finished. The  
postage on Parcels is 10d. per lb., but the  
Regulations are generally similar to the  
above, and the Parcels are sent out  
by rail.

Indemnity for the Loss of a Registered Article.  
The Post Office is not legally responsible  
for the safe delivery of Registered corre-  
spondence, but it is prepared to make good  
the contents of such correspondence lost while  
passing through the Post, to the extent of  
\$10, in certain cases, provided:—

1. That the sender duly observed all the  
conditions of Registration required;—  
2. That the letter was securely enclosed  
in a reasonably strong envelope;—  
3. That application was made to the  
Postmaster General of Hongkong immedi-  
ately the loss was discovered, the envelope  
being invariably forwarded with such appli-  
cation unless it also is lost.

4. That the Postmaster General is satis-  
fied that the loss occurred whilst the cor-  
respondence was in the custody of the British  
Postal administration in China, that it was  
not caused by any fault on the part of the  
sender, by destruction by fire, or shipwreck,  
nor by the dishonesty or negligence of any  
person not in the employment of the  
Hongkong Post Office.

5. No compensation can be paid for mere  
damage to fragile articles such as portraits,  
pictures, or other valuables, or for articles,  
which reach their destination, although in  
a broken or deteriorated condition.

Misdirected or Delayed Correspondence.  
When correspondence has been misdirected  
or delayed (both of which are liable to  
happen occasionally) all that the addressee  
should do is to note on the cover, Send to  
me, or Received at 7 p.m., or as the case  
may be, and forward it, without any  
other writing whatever, to the Postmaster  
General. This should be acted on the first  
time cause of complaint occurs, it is a  
mistake to let such matters pass for fear of  
giving trouble, a course which generally  
gives more trouble in the end.

1. Circulars, Dividend Warrants, In-  
vitations, Cards, Patterns, Bills, Almanacs,  
&c., for addresses in Hongkong or the Ports  
of China, in batches of not less than ten of  
uniform size and weight may be sent to  
the Post Office unstamped, the postage, at  
the rate of one cent each, being paid in  
advance or charged to the sender's account.  
Special accounts may be opened with non-  
boxholders for the delivery of considerable  
numbers of such articles.

2. Such covers, when addressed to places  
other than Hongkong or China, must be  
prepaid two cents each in stamps as here-  
before.

3. Circulars, &c., must not exceed 2  
ounces each in weight. Patterns, Almanacs,  
&c., must not exceed 4 ounces each in weight.  
Heavier articles will be charged ordinary  
rates.

4. Envelopes containing Patterns, &c.,  
may be wholly closed if the nature of the  
contents be first exhibited or stated to the  
Postmaster General, as he may consider ne-  
cessary, and approved by him. Printed Cir-  
culars may be enclosed in pattern packets.

5. Addresses must be complete. That is  
to say, on such covers as are not ad-  
dressed to heads of houses the addressee's  
residence or place of business must be  
added. Incomplete addresses covers will  
be returned to the sender for address.

6. It must be understood that the above-  
mentioned classes of correspondence will  
invariably be delivered at places of business  
unless special arrangement is made for  
delivery at private houses. Such arrange-  
ments can only be made subject to the  
General work of the Post Office.

## Fees for Public Vehicles.

Chairs.  
IN VICTORIA WITH TWO PASSENGERS.  
Half hour ..... 0.10 Three hours ..... 0.50  
One hour ..... 0.20 Six hours ..... 0.70  
Day (6 a.m. to 6 p.m.) ..... \$1.  
If the trip is extended beyond Victoria,  
half fare extra.

BEYOND VICTORIA, WITH FOUR PASSENGERS.  
Hour ..... 0.60 Six hours ..... 1.50  
Three hours ..... 1.00 Day (6 to 6) ..... 2.00  
(With single driver).

Quarter hour ..... 0.05 Every subse-  
quent hour ..... 0.10  
Half hour ..... 0.10 Every subse-  
quent hour ..... 0.10  
NOTE.—Victoria extends from Mount  
Davis to Camoway Bay and up to the level  
of Robinson Road. If the vehicle is  
discharged beyond these limits half fare  
extra is to be allowed for the return journey.  
Extra drivers or drivers and extra hours to  
be paid proportionate sums.

## Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eleven Sections, commencing at

Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked A., near the Kowloon shore K., and those in the body of the

Shipping or midway between such shores are marked Z., in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

Section.  
1. From Green Island to the Gas Works.  
2. From Gas Works to Jardine's Wharf.  
3. From Jardine's Wharf to the Harbour Master's Office.  
4. From Harbour Master's Office to the P. and O. Co.'s Office.  
5. From P. and O. Co.'s Office to Peddar's Wharf.  
6. From Peddar's Wharf to the Naval Yard.  
Section.  
7. From Naval Yard to Blue Buildings.  
8. From Blue Buildings to East Point.  
9. From East Point to North Point.  
10. Kowloon Wharves.  
11. Jardine's Wharf.

Vessel's Name.	Agent.	Flag and Rig.	Tons.	Date of Arrival.	Consignee or Agents.	Destination.	Remarks.
Amphitrite	5	Lamesch	A-Hun str.	2488	Mar.	6 A-Hungarian Lloyd S. N. Co.	Singapore
Antenor	5	Grier	Brit. str.	1578	Mar.	7 Butcherfield & Swire	London, &c.
Antion	5	Acroche	Ger. str.	208	Mar.	7 Weller & Co.	Hankow, &c.
Apsara	5	Hohlmann	Ger. str.	1340	Jan.	21 Weller & Co.	Calcutta, &c.
Aratoun Apar	5	Olifant	Brit. str.	1382	Mar.	7 David Sassoon, Sons & Co.	Calcutta, &c.
Balcarres Brooke	5	Buyers	Brit. str.	1306	Mar.	6 Russell & Co.	Bombay, &c.
Barnides	5	Negri	Italian str.	1489	Mar.	2 Carlotta & Co.	Bombay, &c.
Canton	5	Brumner	Brit. str.	1113	Mar.	7 Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Yokohama & Higo
Changsha	5	Williams	Brit. str.	10	Mar.	6 Butcherfield & Swire	Yokohama
China	5	Muller	Ger. str.	648	Feb.	27 Melchers & Co.	Yokohama
China	5	Haye	Ger. str.	1091	Mar.	4 Chinese	Yokohama
City of Sydney	5	Friels	Amer. str.	3016	Mar.	6 P. M. S. S. Co.	San Francisco
Clara	5	Christensen	Ger. str.	674	Mar.	8 Simmsen & Co.	Shanghai
Elia	5	Jepsen	Ger. str.	1320	Mar.	6 Union of S. S. Co.	Sandakan
Elton	5	Nagel	Ger. str.	603	Feb.	10 Douglas Steamship Co.	Yokohama & Higo
Frigea	5	Nagel	Ger. str.	1400	Mar.	6 Simmsen & Co.	Yokohama
Hector	5	Batt	Brit. str.	1880	Mar.	6 Butcherfield & Swire	Yokohama
Milke Maru	5	Sommers	Japan. str.	2080	Mar.	6 Mitsui Bussan Kaisha	Yokohama
Pilot Fish	4	Stopani	Brit. tug.	161	Sept.	27 H. K. & W. Dock Co.	Hankow, &c.
Soochow	5	Erwin	Brit. str.	1060	Mar.	10 Russell & Co.	Hankow, &c.
Tricia	5	Blackburn	Ger. str.	1142	Mar.	2 Ed. Schellhaus & Co.	Hankow, &c.
Yangtze	5	Tonningsson	Ger. str.	814	Mar.	8 Simmsen & Co.	Hankow, &c.
Zafiro	5	McCauley	Brit. str.	678	Mar.	7 Russell & Co.	Amoy & Manila

Sailing Vessels									
Adam W. Spies.....	8	c	Field .....	Amer. bge.	1171	Jan.	22	Russell & Co.	
Aron .....	5	c	Christenson ...	Norw. bge.	634	Mar.	3	Ordre	
Centaur .....	8	c	Christiansen ...	Ger. bge.	469	Mar.	8	Wielor & Co.	
Coloma .....	5	c	Noyes .....	Amer. bge.	862	Dec.	24	Captain	
Eme .....	5	c	Sommers .....	Brit. bge.	774	Jan.	23	Melchers & Co.	
Empire .....	9	c	Snow .....	Amer. sh.	1075	Feb.	21	Russell & Co.	
Hectanooga .....	8	h	Cann .....	Brit. sh.	1066	Mar.	1	Order	
Mercury .....	5	c	Thomas .....	Ex-3-m. sh.	361	Feb.	2	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	
Peelias .....	3	c	Burnham .....	Amer. sh.	1145	Feb.	28	Putnam & Co.	
State of Maine .....	3	c	Nichols .....	Amer. sh.	1467	Feb.	1	Putnam & Co.	

## Her Britannic Majesty's Ships on the China Station.

Name.	Rig.	Tons.	Guns.	I.H.P.	Captain.	Where at.
Alacrity	despatch-vessel	1700	4	3180	Com. R. Blair Macdonnell	Amoy
Cochecha	gunboat 2nd class	466	4	470	Lieut.-Com. Everard Maxwell	Hongkong
Constance	gunboat 3rd class	2380	14	2690	Capt. L. O. Koppel	Shanghai
Cordelia	gunboat 3rd class	2380	10	2430	Captain Henry H. Boys	Hongkong
Eak	gunboat 2nd class	353	3	340	Lieut.-Com. Reginald V. Smith	Hongkong
Egmont	gunboat 2nd class	465	4	470	Lieut.-Com. Denison	Shanghai
Firebrand	gunboat 2nd class	455	4	460	Lieut.-Com. Chas. J. Balfour	Hongkong
Heroine	gunboat 3rd class	1420	8	1150	Captain William H. May	Hongkong
Impetuous	gunboat 2nd class	8400	10	10000	Captain M. J. Danlop	Hongkong
Leander	gunboat 2nd class	4300	10	5500	Commander Stephen	Singapore
Linnet	gun-vessel 2nd class	755	6	1050	Lieut.-Com. G. H. Yonge	Shanghai
Morin	gunboat 2nd class	430	4	430	Commander J. R. Martin	Singapore
Mutine	gunboat 2nd class	1120	10	1120	Captain Hy. J. Carr	Singapore
Orion	{ twin-screw battle ship } { 2nd class armoured }	4870	4	4040	Commander R. W. White	Hongkong
Porpoise	gunboat 3rd class	1750	6	3500	Capt. The Hon. F. O. Verker	On a cruise
Rambler	gunboat 1st class	715	6	1200	Lieut.-Com. W. Maill. Donnell	Shanghai
Rattler	gunboat 3rd class	1970	12	2350	Captain W. O. Hamble	Singapore
Sapphire	gunboat 3rd class	1420	8	1400	Captain T. P. W. Newham	Yokohama
Satellite	gunboat 3rd class	1420	8	1400	Com. The Hon. Richard Bingham	Hongkong
Solent	gun-vessel 2nd class	755	6	1010	Commander Geo. A. Giffard	Hongkong
Torpedo Boat No. 35	gun-vessel 2nd class	95	—	—	—	In reserve
Torpedo Boat No. 36	gun-vessel 2nd class	95	—	—	—	In reserve
Tweed	gunboat 3rd class	1157	14	—	—	In reserve
Victor Enaue	gunboat 3rd class	6157	14	—	—	In reserve
Wanderer	gunboat 3rd class	925	4	750	—	In reserve